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<h2 style="margin: 0;">Office Action Summary</h2>	Application No. 09/663,914	Applicant(s) Monsalve-Gonzalez et al.		
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<i>-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --</i>				
Period for Reply				
<p>A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE <u>1</u> MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.</p>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely. - If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication. - Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). - Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b). 				
Status				
1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Responsive to communication(s) filed on <u>Sept. 18, 2000</u>				
2a) <input type="checkbox"/> This action is FINAL. 2b) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> This action is non-final.				
3) <input type="checkbox"/> Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under <i>Ex parte Quayle</i> , 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.				
Disposition of Claims				
4) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) <u>1-42</u> is/are pending in the application.				
4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.				
5) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.				
6) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.				
7) <input type="checkbox"/> Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.				
8) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Claims <u>1-42</u> are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.				
Application Papers				
9) <input type="checkbox"/> The specification is objected to by the Examiner.				
10) <input type="checkbox"/> The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are objected to by the Examiner.				
11) <input type="checkbox"/> The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved.				
12) <input type="checkbox"/> The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.				
Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119				
13) <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).				
a) All b) Some* c) None of:				
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.				
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.				
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).				
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.				
14) Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).				
Attachment(s)				
15: Notice of References Cited PTO-892				
16: Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review PTO-948				
17: Information Disclosure Statement(s) PTO-1449 Paper No(s):				
18: Interview Summary PTO 413 Paper No(s)				
19: Notice of Informal Patent Application PTO-152				
20: Other				

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1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-20 and 28-30, drawn to a method of bleaching bran, classified in class 426, subclass 253.
 - II. Claims 21-27 and 31-37 drawn to a bleached bran product, classified in class 426, subclass 615.
 - III. Claims 38-39 and 40-42, drawn to a bleached bran product, classified in class 426, subclass 615.
2. Inventions I and II & III are related as process of making and product made. The inventions are distinct if either or both of the following can be shown: (1) that the process as claimed can be used to make other and materially different product or (2) that the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process (MPEP § 806.05(f)). In the instant case, the product as claimed can be made by another and materially different process such as acid treatment. The product does not require the particular steps of the process..

Invention II and III are unrelated and independent inventions because the two products have different properties.
3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II and III and vice versa, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

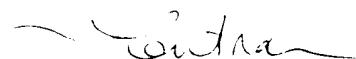
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4. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement be traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lien Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-1868. The examiner can normally be reached on Wed-Fri. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7718.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0661.

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